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Haliburton gets in the Christmas spirit

Jolly Old Saint Nick was waving to the crowds
at the annual Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 21 in
Haliburton Village. See more photos on page 11.
Angelica Blenich Staff



Food centre gets \$141K

Jenn Watt
Editor

Construction is set to start this spring to
create a new food centre in Wilberforce to
house goods for the food bank and create
space for community programming around
food.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation
announced this week that the municipality
of Highlands East would receive \$141,300
“to increase access to food and skills
required for healthy, affordable nutrition
by building an addition to the Lloyd Watson
Community Centre.”

Project co-ordinator John Teljeur said he
was confident funding would come in for
the project, which seeks to create a food
hub in the hamlet.

“The idea obviously is we’re going to have
the space now to get food when food’s avail-
able and not worry about minimum orders,”
he said. An issue small food banks regularly
have is the inability to take large quantities
of food when offered because they don’t
have the space.

The Wilberforce proposal includes space

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Feed company owners intend to reopen soon

Jenn Watt
Editor

Less than two weeks after a fire razed
The Great Haliburton Feed Company, its
owners have found a new location, have a
renewed online presence and are ready to
start over – thanks, they say, to community
support.

The feed company will reopen in the
space formerly housing Northern Expres-
sions in The Beer Store plaza in Haliburton

on Friday, Dec. 5, the owners announced
on their new Facebook page.

The page was created in concert with Pos-
itive Media, which offered to help owners
Maureen Adams and Charles McAleaney
keep in touch with supporters using social
media.

“Many many thanks to Jerry Walker for
making this possible and offering store type
supplies and all the people collecting cages,
crates and blankets,” the feed company
wrote on Facebook last week.

Walker, who owns the building, said that

he contacted the couple about the space
at 33 Hops Drive after he heard they were
looking for a temporary location.

“It’s pretty mind boggling until you go
through a loss. It comes from every angle,”
said Walker.

The community support has helped the
couple get through the terrible experience
of the fire.

Adams and McAleaney got the call at
midnight on Nov. 14 that their longtime
business, The Great Haliburton Feed Com-

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Once-in-a-lifetime thrill for family of painter Jack Bush

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news and events worth noting

Haliburton's Jack Bush and Elaine Bell enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime thrill when they and Jack's children met in Ottawa to visit a spectacular retrospective of his father's artwork at the National Gallery of Canada.

The Jack Bush Retrospective exhibits more than 130 sketches and paintings from the artist's career, illustrating his development and evolution into the world of Colour Field Painting. This is the art for which he is best known.

There is an excellent website for this show www.gallery.ca/jackbush/en. *The Toronto Star* gave the show an enthusiastic and rave review at this site: <http://ow.ly/EyHpj>.

"My eldest son lives in Williams Lake, B.C., my daughter lives in Victoria, and my second son in Toronto," Jack (Jr) says, "and getting together with them and having the chance to see this wonderful achievement of my father and their grandfather made the occasion all the more emotional and memorable." The exhibition will continue until Feb. 22.

Shopping cart showdown ready to roll

Participants drawn: Lynda Litwin of Minden, Gayle McIvor or Dave Brooman of

West Guilford, and Carol Simmons of Minden.

It's all happening Saturday, Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. Come watch the strategy, the shopping frenzy – cheer on your favourite. Someone will walk away with \$1,000 cash.

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Sales from the Thrift Warehouse benefit SIRCH Community Services.

Free Rotary skating party Friday, Dec. 5

Free food, fun games, Christmas music and a visit with Santa are in store for anyone visiting the Haliburton Rotary Club's Community Christmas and Skating Party on Friday, Dec. 5.

Hosted at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton, the party is entirely free and runs from 5 to 8 p.m.

The family event includes festive music and carolling with Carl Dixon, skating throughout the evening, dogsled rides, a shoot to win contest, hot cocoa, pizza and treats.

And there are presents for all of the kids. "It's a Rotary thank you to the community," said club president David Zilstra. "It's our way of wishing everyone a Merry Christmas."

Lloyd Watson Centre upgrades delayed to spring

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Plans to upgrade the roof and heating at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce have been postponed until the spring of 2015.

The decision was made by Highlands East councillors at the Nov. 18 meeting of council, said clerk Irene Cook.

Project consultant Tyler Peters from Evergreen Energy Solutions gave municipal staff an update on the project, which included a mandatory site visit on Oct. 27.

"They actually had seven independent firms that attended that mandatory site meeting," said Cook. "That actually gives them [the firms] an understanding of the location of where the work is going to take place and the scope of it."

The project involves making the building more energy efficient, as well as replacing the roof, said the clerk.

The deadline for interested parties to submit a request for proposal was Oct. 31. The municipality received zero submissions.

"Part of it is because of the time of the year, the nature of the work and the restric-

tions on the allowable work hours," said Cook.

Peters recommended the municipality break the project down into two phases, starting in the new year.

The first phase would include getting an engineered and detailed design with specs, and then moving forward in the spring with a tendered construction.

"This way they can provide the contractors with more information," said Cook.

Another reason Peters recommended delaying the project was because of plans to build a food hub onto the Lloyd Watson Centre.

This initiative was first proposed to council at the end of September and is dependent on funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (see more on page 1).

The food hub will be incorporated into the project.

"They're looking at different heating options ... such as propane and electrical," said Cook. "So when he [Peters] comes back with that information they'll be able to let him know if the food bank got their funding so to include that in the RFP in the spring."

Peters will be bringing more information to councillors at their Dec. 9 meeting.

Food centre to increase access to fresh food

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for dry goods and also includes a walk-in refrigerator and freezer.

Being able to take perishables will greatly enhance not only what can be offered to those using the food bank, but will translate into a better supply for Community Kitchen programming.

"That's the real end game is to be able to, with the two storage units (the freezer storage and refrigeration), is to be able to access more healthy food for people," Teljeur said.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said he was "elated" at the announcement of the funding.

"Right now the food bank that we have really doesn't have a permanent home," he said. Food is being stored in the old library building since vacated.

"I suppose the next part will be getting the community involved and get them to help me and tell me what we need to fill the needs of the other residents," Burton said.

Shortly, a steering committee and sub-committees will be formed to begin planning the addition.

There will also be community meetings to discuss the plans.

"To me, because this facility is going to have far-reaching effect beyond that community [Wilberforce] it's important that we have people from [around the county]," Teljeur said.

He hopes several other food-related organizations partner to create a hub that not only stores food, but educates, creates programming and acts as a facility that other food banks can draw from.

While the name for the addition is currently the Wilberforce Food Centre, that is set to change.

"When programming starts to take shape, the name will [too]," Teljeur said.

The addition is supposed to be about 1,500 square feet and include an office space for private intake meetings.

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Participants in this year's Ugly Sweater Run/Walk get going on the five-kilometre route starting at the path at Head Lake Park on Nov. 23. Organized by the municipality of Dysart, the second annual event had close to 50 participants of all ages, who donned their ugliest and tackiest of holiday apparel. The event included prizes for creativity with registration donations going to the local food banks and the Dysart recreation program.



Ugly sweaters on parade

Left, winners were recognized for their creativity and effort at the Ugly Sweater Run/Walk on Nov. 23. The winners were, from left, Jodi Folkes for tackiest sweater, Nicki Hagarty for craziest sweater and in front, Eric Mueller for best kids sweater.

Right, embellishments such as Christmas lights, tinsel, bows and flowers were added to sweaters to increase their level of tackiness.

Photos by Angelica Blenich



Long-time Haliburton café closes its doors

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Shannon Cole chokes up when she talks about the business she has poured her life into for nearly a decade.

The Eagle Lake resident took over The Village Court Donuts and Café when she was just 19 years old, seeing an opportunity.

A graduate of hospitality and tourism management, Cole bought the café and ran it up until last weekend.

On Saturday, Nov. 22 the café opened and closed its doors for the final time, closing at 3 p.m.

Cole said the sales are gone, when asked why she was closing. She has tried to stay open, but recently had to make the hard decision.

The café owner pointed to the new Tim Hortons on the other side of the village as a main factor in sales dropping.

She said she couldn't compete with them and believes other businesses are struggling as well.

Village Court Donuts and Café was known for its coffee, baked goods, soups and sandwiches, and was a popular spot for many members of the community.

Cole said it was hard to say goodbye to people who have been supporting her and coming in to the café every day.

Frequent customers were also filled with emotion, sad to see one of their favourite establishments unable to stay open.

Expecting her first child in April, Cole doesn't know what her future holds in terms of employment.

She has been contemplating closing for the past few months and many of her customers have known something was brewing.

She thanked the community and her patrons for their love and support during the past 10 years.

"I've had the most loyal customers," she said, adding they are what made the decision so hard.

Donations of money, business furnishings being collected

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pany, was consumed by fire.

"It was horrifying," Adams recalls. "We were there at about 12:20. The place, it was fully engulfed."

The couple, who have run the pet supply store on Industrial Park Road in Haliburton for 19 years, got the call from Hyland Taxi. A driver had seen the glow of the blaze and alerted owner Marty Grant who then called the owners.

They rushed to the site and stood in the snow watching the fire and hugging one another.

"The firemen were great. They were really busy, but they'd pat us on the shoulder as they went by," Adams says.

Their worry was for the animals inside the store. The Great Haliburton Feed Company has been the primary site in Haliburton for pet adoptions. McAleane and Adams have been taking in animals in need of a home for almost the whole time the company has existed. There were several cats and rabbits in the store at the time of the fire. All perished.

"The first thing we did was we asked one of the fire guys when we got there ... about the animals and he said the carbon monoxide would have been so high that they would have gone to sleep," Adams says.

"That's what I keep on clinging to. You don't want to think anything else." Miniature donkeys kept in an external pen were saved from the blaze. Adams says they aren't expect-

ing insurance money "any time soon," but intend to reopen right away. Their love of animals and the support they've received from the community is spurring them on.

"There's no way you can express how important [community support] is. Even just a phone call to say we're thinking of you and our heart goes out," she says.

Since creating a Facebook page Nov. 19, the community has demonstrated its love for the business and couple - nearly 500 people have already "liked" the page as of Nov. 23.

The Great Haliburton Feed Company first opened Nov. 1, 1995 in the space beside The Beer Store on County Road 21 and moved to Industrial Park Road about nine years ago.

As soon as they reopen, they will resume their practice of taking in animals that need families.

"Honestly, I thought, this is something I can do myself to help people here. Because we love animals," Adams says.

"That's really the main reason we're reopening."

Chamber of Commerce manager Rosemarie Jung sent out a letter to all members on Thursday with a wish list from Adams.

A cash register, tables, counters and/or cabinets, merchandise shelving, book shelves, a desk, a fax machine, filing cabinets and other retail business furnishings are all on the list. If you can help, email lauren@haliburtonchamber.com.

Bank accounts have been set up at CIBC in Halibur-

ton and TD Bank in Minden for those wishing to donate. Adams says any money coming in will be directed to the animals once the feed company is up and running again.

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Online tool helps predict in-demand jobs

Jenn Watt
Editor

While they can't see the future, the region's Workforce Development Board is doing the best it can to predict labour market trends into the next five years for Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Haliburton with an online tool called the Labour Market Gateway.

Unveiled on Nov. 20, it includes detailed information on which jobs are in highest demand in the short and long term.

"This is the best version of a crystal ball we have available to us," WDB CEO Joe Celestini said at the launch event at Fleming College.

The gateway tool is part of the larger Workforce Development Board website, which includes regional job postings and labour market information.

Using numbers calculated by Strategic Projections Inc., the gateway includes a "Top 50" jobs for the next five years. It can be viewed by region.

The top five jobs for Haliburton according to the site will be cook, retail and wholesale trade manager, registered nurse and registered psychiatric nurses, retail salespersons, and facility operations and maintenance manager.

Information is broken down into projections of how many positions will exist taking into account retirements over the period.

A second section of the gateway includes a "hiring demand report," which provides numbers taken from a survey of at least 100 businesses from Haliburton County that said they intend to hire in the next year. These numbers are intended to reflect what jobs are likely to come up soon.

No. 1 on the list is food and beverage servers, followed by home support workers/housekeepers, program leaders/instructors in recreation, outdoor sport and recreational guides and cooks.

The third section shows job postings over the last quarter. "We have to be aware there is that hidden job market," WDB project officer Jason Dennison said.

Not every job is posted somewhere accessible to WDB and many jobs are advertised through word-of-mouth.

However, this is the best tool available to date to capture information, Dennison said.

What is still missing is information on the supply side – the size and skills of the local labour market.

The Labour Market Gateway should be of interest to not only employers and job seekers, but also workers in the economic development sector, employment services and government. To see the gateway, go to wdb.ca and click on "Labour Market Gateway."



Jenn Watt Staff

Workforce Development Board CEO Joe Celestini speaks with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce manager Rosemarie Jung at the WDB's launch of the Labour Market Gateway on Nov. 20 at Haliburton's Fleming College campus.

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Darren Lum Staff

A person walks away from the path adjacent to Head Lake in Haliburton. The past week the Haliburton Highlands has experienced several snow squalls and steady snowfall, leaving reduced visibility and winter-like conditions this autumn.

Early winter creates treacherous road conditions

Jenn Watt
Editor

Two days of February-style weather in November kept tow truck drivers busy last week as people attempted to navigate area roads.

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, the first blast hit the Highlands with more than 15 centimetres of snow dropping during the day and whiteout conditions.

According to the OPP, on Tuesday there were two collisions that warranted a call for emergency services.

At about 3 p.m. a 52-year-old man rolled his vehicle on Watts Road in Dysart et al and around 6:20 p.m. a 49-year-old woman put her car in the ditch on Highway 118 in Highlands East. No one was injured in the two accidents.

Police also responded to traffic hazards that day – an oil tanker got stuck on the hill in Miners Bay on Highway 35 and a car got stuck on the opposite side of the road at the top of a hill on County Road 503 in Highlands East, Constable Dianna Dauphinee told the *Echo*.

Although there were few serious accidents, Dan Garbutt from Highlands Towing said the weather kept him busy.

Between Tuesday and Thursday, he estimated he's received about 50 calls – 80 per cent of people had ditched their cars.

Lack of winter tires, driving too fast and lack of visibility seemed to be the main reasons people found themselves in trouble, Garbutt said.

Four staff work for Highlands Towing and they provide CAA and Canadian Tire services. Garbutt said he hasn't seen anything like it this early in the year before.

Amanda Dovell from Curry Motors says her phone rang regularly throughout the day on Thursday with people calling for a tow. Their tow truck driver had responded to places all over the county following a steady stream of calls due to weather.

The OPP also had a busy Thursday. According to Dauphinee, there were six car collisions and one traffic hazard the police were called to.

County Road 21 had two collisions at Cox Farm Road. One vehicle went in the ditch while another was rear-ended.

There was a two-vehicle collision on Highway 35 with one

car rear-ending the other.

On Gravel Pit Drive in Minden Hills and on Glamorgan Road in Highlands East cars were stuck in ditches with no injuries.

There was one call of a tractor trailer stuck on the hill on County Road 21 at Blairhampton Road.

Revised communications tower proposed for Kennisis Lake

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Nov. 24 meeting of Dysart et al council.

A proposal for a communications tower serving residents in the Kennisis Lake area is coming back for approval.

In January of this year, Dysart et al received a proposal from Rogers Communications to construct a tower on Watts Road, on property owned by the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve.

The proposal did not sit well with area residents, who made a delegation to council and submitted a number of emails and letters to the municipality.

In response, the municipality forwarded a list of recommendations to Summit Telecom Services, acting on behalf of Rogers, regarding the proposed tower and has since passed a policy that outlined necessary protocol when constructing a tower.

Municipal planning director Pat Martin advised council that the company has now come back with a new proposal, which includes a 40-metre mono-pine style, as suggested in the municipal policy. It also follows guidelines regarding shoreline setback and distance from the road.

One stipulation it does not comply with is to be located a minimum of one kilometre away from the nearest residence. According to Martin, there is a house 150 metres away from the proposed tower.

Both municipal and provincial stipulations state Rogers Communications must hold a public meeting prior to construction of the tower. This meeting must be advertised in the local media and property owners within a certain proximity of the tower must be notified of the meeting by letter.

Martin suggested the public meeting be held at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, to accommodate area residents. "This appears to be a best case scenario," said Martin on the revised proposal.

Funds for Senior Winter Games

The municipality of Dysart was successful in receiving a \$10,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation in support of the 2015 Ontario 55+ Winter Games.

Taking place in Haliburton County next February, the games include competition in activities such as hockey, cross-country skiing and bridge.

The grant was awarded to build volunteer capacity and a volunteer database that will support the games, according to OTE.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Feed company lessons

BOTH OF THE CATS in my house came from The Great Haliburton Feed Company.

Mumbles, the oldest, was picked out of a litter of tiny kittens that had been left in a box at the door of the business on Industrial Park Road.

Rather than dropping them off during business hours, the person had left them in the evening or early morning.

Kittens were found as far up the road as the landfill.

Maggie, our black and white bowling-pin shaped sweetheart, was adopted a couple years later. A family annoyed that she scratched their furniture dropped her off.

Owner Maureen Adams seemed genuinely delighted as we took the cat home, asking about her during our next trips in.

The Feed Company – which burned down Nov. 14 – wasn't a swanky facility, but it served a need in the community without fanfare or much help.

As Maureen pointed out in an interview after the fire, she and Charles McAleaney had never received any government support for the work they had done.

And even though adopting pets certainly wasn't profitable, they continued; the act of caring for animals fueled their love of the business.

For almost 19 years, the couple have taken in, fed – at times revived – animals and found new homes for them by themselves.

Cats that seemed unadoptable ended up living at the store permanently, free to roam the aisles and

entertain visitors.

The cost of a new pet at the feed company was minimal, likely only enough to cover the food, litter and keeping up the facility.

Whenever Steve and I went in to pick up pet supplies there, we would chat with Maureen and Charles, who were always friendly and engaged.

Which is why it came as a surprise after the fire to find their home phone number unlisted, and their whereabouts hard to decipher.

Over the years, Maureen told me, the couple had retreated somewhat from community life; they had chosen not to engage as fully as they once did.

It was the devastation of the fire that changed that perspective for the couple.

"There's no reason to close yourself off," she said.

Embraced and supported from the moment they arrived to watch the flames erase their livelihood and pets awaiting adoption, Maureen said she has been overwhelmed by the community's caring actions.

Just 10 days later, they've been given a new space to set up in (the old Northern Expressions in The Beer Store plaza), sent donations and had assistance with social media and video to get the word out.

It's a heartwarming story from a situation that could have gone so differently.

As Maureen says, there is no reason to hide away from the world. The community is here to help.



Jenn Watt
Editor



Snow trees

By Darren Lum

Jobs

WE NEED MORE JOBS in Haliburton County.

This is a common refrain in the community, one heard often during the all-candidates meetings leading up to Oct. 27 municipal elections.

And the county's municipal governments are trying, something that doesn't always seem to register with people.

Technically, it's not local government's role to create jobs. The county's lower tiers are charged with the task of economic development, which means creating a desirable environment that fosters business. Dysart et al, Minden Hills and Highlands East townships all have advisory committees with mandates to grow their economies.

From the municipal standpoint, economic development can mean keeping communities clean and welcoming, with the kind of aesthetic improvements that streetscape projects have brought to both the villages of Haliburton and Minden in recent years.

It can mean making planning decisions that allow new businesses to set up shop.

However, depending on the type of business, attempts at job creation can sometimes earn politicians scorn.

This must be confusing, or at least frustrating for them, as it runs contrary to the general chorus demanding more employment opportunities.

Two prime and recent examples in Dysart et al are Armatec and Tim Hortons.

Last winter, council considered a proposal for Armatec Survivability, a company that does specialized testing for military vehicles, for a facility near Harcourt.

It was clear that at least some members of council were amenable to the idea.

The company, which has an excellent reputation and no complaints from communities where it already operates, would have created badly needed jobs.

Yes, only a handful, at least at first, but they would have been good jobs; year-round positions that paid more than minimum wage.

Council ended up voting the proposal down following fervent, angry protest from cottagers on nearby Benoir Lake.

Dysart council has also taken flack for allowing Tim Hortons to build a restaurant off County Road 21 just outside the village of Haliburton.

What message are councillors supposed to take away from this?

We want jobs! Just not those ones . . . or those ones . . .

Low-paying service jobs are the ideal of nobody and franchises raise the ideological ire of some, but at this particular juncture, the gritty truth is that Haliburton County sort of needs to take what it can get.

Businesspeople are not lining up to get in.

The industries that built this place – mining and forestry – are all but dead, leaving summer tourism to fill the void.

While the county is working at expanding shoulder seasons and more people seem to be visiting the area in the winter-time, it's a tough slog.

While tourism is often touted as the county's No. 1 industry, it's actually construction that is a bigger employer.

There's one way everyone can help with jobs. When you need something built, hire a local contractor or construction company to do it.

Job creation and economic development are not the responsibility of municipal politicians alone.

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Chad Ingram
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points of view

Role playing

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY HEARD, I was recently offered a starring role in this year's version of *The Nutcracker*. After my agent completed intense negotiations in a 30 second phone call, I accepted the much-prized role of second mouse for an undisclosed amount. And when I say undisclosed, I mean that even my agent won't tell me how much I'm making on this.

She did, however, hint that, given my acting ability, the compensation should come as "no surprise."

Since this hasn't yet made the entertainment section of any major or minor publications, let me say a huge cast will be playing supporting roles. This despite me insisting that we go a different route and make this year's *Nutcracker* a one-person show.

I am contractually obligated to say Rick Lowes of Moose FM will infuse life and limited acting ability into the role of First Mouse. There are others too, each doing their small part.

But enough about the lesser roles.

As you probably know, being Second Mouse is a really big deal. It's the coveted role that many actors – Rick Lowes included – aspire to.

Fortunately, casting director Julie Barban made the right call. Mere minutes after I tripped during our first rehearsal, she quickly determined that Rick should step on stage first, in order to pave the way I suppose, for my pivotal depiction of a mouse on a mission.

Is it an easy role? No.

I suspect this difficulty is why acting luminaries such as Sir Lawrence Olivier, John



Steve Galea

Loon Tales

Barrymore and Kermit all made conscious efforts to stay away from it.

To play Second Mouse correctly, a dancer/actor must immerse himself in the complexities of being a mouse. He must be able to emote the anguish a rodent feels.

I have chosen to do this by employing the technique known as method acting. This means from now until *The Nutcracker's* final curtain, I will remain in character as Second Mouse. I hope this explains my behaviour this weekend in the cheese section by the way.

Admittedly, this has not been easy for anyone. First off, too much cheese plays havoc with my digestive system. Moreover, before this, I generally got along well with my cats.

Still, to honour the all-important role of Second Mouse, great sacrifices must be made.

Last night, however, Jenn stopped me from scurrying around the kitchen and made me promise not to let things get any more out of hand.

So, as I write this from the nest I made in the lower drawer of an old dresser in our shed, I have decided that I will no longer try to get to that peanut butter that's slathered on the wobbly platform balanced over that bucket of water. Three dunkings is more than enough to understand how a mouse feels.

The experience was not wasted, however, because, as we all know, *The Nutcracker* is really about man's inhumanity to mice. I know it's touted as a Christmas classic, but if you really think about it and if you pay attention to the shame that Rick and I seem to be emoting as we step out in costumes with tails, you'll see I'm right about this. By the way, the length of a mouse's tail means absolutely nothing – other than that Rick got to choose first.

In any case, director Julie Barban insists Rick and I will carry the show. Apparently, the kids are too small to help break down the set.

letters to the editor

All votes not created equal

To the Editor,

Your articles/editorial on Nov. 18 following up to the recent municipal election offered some insights on voter turnout. As you noted overall voter turnout varied to some degree by ward. However I believe you missed a major cause of the variance by ward. Across Dysart the turnout by permanent residents ran in the 60 to 70 per cent range in each ward and the turnout by seasonal residents was in the 30 to 40 per cent range in each ward. The relative proportion of seasonal to permanent residents varies by ward.

The very low turnout by seasonal residents is puzzling and disturbing, especially when measured against the scale of their contribution to our property tax base. Some suggest a lack of feeling connected to the community is the primary reason. Certainly that is a likely factor and with our new council officially taking office at the beginning of December, this seems like a good time to urge its members to develop a plan of action to improve the situation. Getting seasonal residents better connected to our community can do much more that improve voter turnout come the next election.

Significant benefits will accrue to local businesses and not for profits when the seasonal residents see Dysart as more than a place where their cottage and dock happen to be located. Most importantly, the seasonal residents stand to benefit from experiencing first-hand the sense of belonging and engagement that come from being part of a small but very active community. On top of that they will have fun at the numerous interesting events and activities! Unfortunately, there is no quick fix and this will require a long term and sustained commitment.

Beyond the challenge of finding approaches to better connect with seasonal residents our new council should tackle an issue those preceding it failed to act on. It is even possible that the failure of past Dysart councils to ensure representation by population in establishing ward boundaries for Dysart and the very low turnout in recent municipal elections by seasonal residents are in fact related. What message are our elected leaders sending when their behaviour demonstrates they don't believe every vote is of equal importance?

Representation by population was one of the guiding principles on which our country was founded. Students in grade school learn of the importance of the concept in their history classes. Around the world most democracies

operate based on the approach that all votes are equal, or at least approximately so given variations in population growth rates.

Most residents likely believe that no matter where they live in Dysart each voter carries an equal weight in electing our local council. Unfortunately due to inaction by previous councils that has not been the case for the past few municipal elections. Some wards have an actual voter count that is well more than double that of others. In last month's election Ward 1 had 1,568 eligible voters while Ward 2 had 3,855! Ward 4 was also too large at 3,478 while Ward 3 had only 1,952 eligible voters. The numbers were similar in 2010.

What this means is that voters from West Guilford, Kennisis Lake and Donald, among others, and their surrounding areas carry less than half the weight of a vote from the village of Haliburton when it comes to electing a local councillor.

When I inquired about this I was told that previous councils had discussed the matter. Obviously they felt no need to act. Hopefully that general disregard for such a basic principle of democracy will not continue. Shifting ward boundaries is not complex and simply depends on our council deciding to act in a fashion consistent with the democratic concepts practised elsewhere. Certainly both our federal and provincial governments have done a much better job in the face of far more difficult geographic and constitutional limitations.

Could it be that members of our previous councils just didn't want to stir up voter engagement by discussing new ward boundaries? After all some political pundits claim that a low voter turnout is generally good for the incumbents and that a high turnout creates a greater likelihood newcomers will be elected. We can't enter the minds of those we elect so we can only judge our leaders by their actions.

Leaders who by example demonstrate a high regard for such critical concepts as representation by population are likely to find voters who reciprocate by taking their responsibility to vote a little more seriously. A failure to act sends a different message to voters all across Dysart.

In the months to come I will share some additional thoughts on steps that should be taken to improve voter turnout. There is much that can be done.

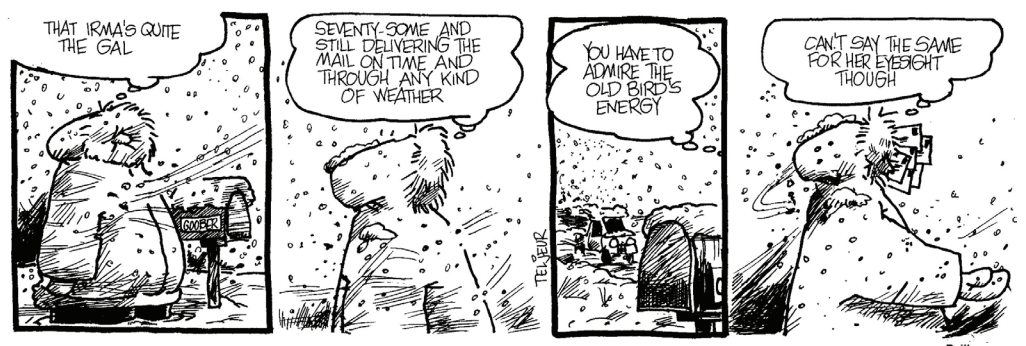
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Family Restaurant transforms into Maple Ave Tap and Grill

There is a new look and a new name for the former Haliburton Family Restaurant in Haliburton Village. The eatery closed for renovations at the beginning of November and reopened as Maple Avenue Tap and Grill last week. The menu features pub classics, as well as authentic Asian cuisine, such as beef bulgogi. The restaurant is at 120 Maple Ave.

Angelica Blenich Staff

Wonderful and dreadful

Gerald Irish

A Senior's Moment

Every wonderful, dreadful thing I have ever done has led me right to this wonderful, dreadful now.

Don't you try to tell me that you have never done anything in your life that you ever considered as wonderful or dreadful. Stop deluding yourself and be honest.

In all your years so far have you never said anything during a heated discussion or moment that you wished you could retract? I'm sure we all have and I'm sure we all regret it.

Did you never injure or physically harm or cause harm to another person? Come now. Be honest with yourself.

These things that occurred in our formative years have help form and shape who or what we are now.

One good thing coming from these is that we have learned to live with ourselves even with all our faults and foibles. From there we learned to live with and share life with others. In all honesty it has taken some of us a lot longer than others of us. But as I look around my circle of friends, family and colleagues, I can see that the majority live in the now having profited from the past.

Along life's way we have learned respect for ourselves and for others. What wonderful lessons! In no way has this made any of us saintly or even nearly perfect but it has made better people of us. It has helped us travel down life's road more happily and comfortably.

Haliburton's seniors have learned their life's lessons well. Keep learning and keep travelling on life's high-way.

Screening saves lives

Women encouraged to get regular pap tests to reduce risk of cervical cancer; health unit can help

When it comes to being screened for cervical cancer, you're never too old to be tested.

In Ontario, cervical cancer screening is recommended every three years for women between the ages of 21 and 69 years who are or ever have been sexually active. However, recent statistics from Cancer Care Ontario (www.cancer-care.on.ca) show the rate of women in their 60s getting a Pap test is lower compared to rates for women in their 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s.

"Women need to understand the importance of being screened well into their 60s, as the risk of developing cervical cancer still exists," says Elsie Azevedo Perry, a registered dietitian with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "Regular screening saves lives."

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit reminds local women about the importance of regular cervical cancer screening. Staying up-to-date with their Pap test is an important way to reduce the risk of cervical cancer, which in Ontario kills nearly three women every week.

Cervical cancer is cancer of the cervix, which is located at the opening of a woman's uterus. A Pap test is an effective screening tool that can find abnormal cells in a woman's cervix before they turn into cancer. When cervical cancer is detected early, it is more treatable.

Women in the area who have a health care provider are also encouraged to book a regular Pap test. If women in Northumberland County, Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes do not have a family physician or nurse practitioner, there is still an opportunity to get a Pap test.

The health unit can provide free Pap tests for women without a doctor at its sexual health clinics in Lindsay, Cobourg, Port Hope, Brighton and Haliburton. To book an appointment for a Pap test with a female nurse in their community, women are encouraged to call the health unit toll-free at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

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Olympic hockey player inspires students

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

When it comes to achieving your dreams it all comes down to the plan, said Olympic gold medalist, Katie Weatherston.

Weatherston, a gold medalist from the Turin Olympics in 2006 with the Canadian women's hockey team, inspired the student audience at Haliburton's J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School this past Wednesday morning with her motivational presentation.

Weatherston said every plan includes a road map for long-term goals, SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely) goals, short-term goals and celebration of achievements.

Showing a photo of herself tripping during Olympic hockey game in 2006, Weatherston said she continued to focus on the puck, ready to move it to a teammate. That moment was an example of her determination to achieve her short-term goal of winning every one-on-one puck battle.

"A lot of people told me: Katie, you're never going to make it. You're too small. Girls shouldn't be playing hockey," she said. "I've heard it all. I've had a lot of people say negative things to me, which hurt my feelings, but I was determined no matter what anyone said that I was going to focus on my goal. And I made it. The reason I made it was I had that hard work and determination."

Knowing the specific details of a short-term goal is crucial to following through with an achievement plan, she added. The more specific a short-term goal is the better.

With the Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell rendition of *Ain't no Mountain High Enough*, short clips of hockey game highlights and stills from the Olympics flashed across the screen, illustrating how short-term goal achievements resulted in long-term goals.

It's a fitting soundtrack to Weatherston's life, as she has never let anything stand in the way of her goals.

She brought her Olympic gold medal,

world championship medals (gold and silver) and the Olympic torch that she carried while being a torchbearer in her hometown of Thunder Bay before the Vancouver Olympics in 2010. This was proof positive about her recipe for success in life. Weatherston pointed out to the audience of JDHES and Stuart Baker Elementary School students that she didn't make the national hockey team on her first attempt. The failure was turned into success when she made the team in 2004.

Life isn't without its set of obstacles, she said, referring to a series of challenges in the year she was fighting for a chance to go to the 2006 Olympics.

Some of those challenges included ankle surgery, leaving her in bed and on crutches for two months and a serious bicycle acci-



Life isn't without its set of obstacles.

— *Katie Weatherston, Olympic gold medalist*

dent that left her with three missing teeth all in the lead up to her bid to make the national team in an Olympic year. In both cases she found herself having to make up time to other hockey players vying for a chance make the team. Up to this point it was her goals that kept her going.

After the bike accident she said for the first time in her life she nearly quit. If it wasn't for the support of a sport psychologist she might have.

"It's as important to seek help, as it is to look within yourself for strength.

Remember, obstacles happen to everyone and they will make you stronger," she said.



Darren Lum Staff

Olympian Katie Weatherston, who won a gold medal with the Canada's national women's ice hockey team in 2006, spoke to local students about what it takes to achieve their dreams last Wednesday at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton. There were students from Grades 2 to 8 who attended the event to inspire and to remind students the importance of school.

Weatherston made the team and was a clutch performer in Torino, scoring the game-winning goal against the Finns in the semi-finals.

JDHES teacher Eva Griffith said the presentation reminds the students about the importance of school and how it is an essential part of achievement. Griffith wanted a female speaker and thought with so many female hockey players that it was fitting to have an Olympian female hockey player visit.

She asked principal Andrea Borysiuk in the summer about bringing in a motivational speaker.

Before ending the presentation Weather-

erston, a psychology graduate from US Dartmouth College and Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame inductee, asked the students to set two long-term goals and up to seven short-term goals in order to achieve them. Write them down, she said, and post them on the wall above your bed.

She was forced to leave hockey in 2010 before the Olympics due to a career ending injury when she was hit from behind into the boards. She is now a motivational speaker, realtor in Ottawa and a certified elementary teacher, including owner and head instructor of the Katie Weatherston Hockey School.

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Land Trust completes second phase of turtle underpass

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Everyone has a turtle story. That's just one of the things Haliburton Highlands Land Trust executive director Larry O'Connor has learned since taking on the position less than a year ago. Since stepping into his role, O'Connor has hit the ground running with a number of projects, most notably the turtle project. The latest phase of the project included the installation of a drift fence along County Road 1 in Gelert, near Wintergreen Pancake Barn. The fence is intended to guide the turtle away from the road and instead towards a nearby culvert, which they can use to travel to the other side of the road in a safe manner, said O'Connor. An endangered species, turtles can often be seen crossing roads in the springtime, looking for sand to lay their eggs. A high road mortality rate has resulted in turtles being species at risk. A three-year project, the turtle initiative

began this past spring with observation done by volunteers and university interns. The observation component helped the organization narrow down a control site for the drift fence as well as two test sites, said O'Connor. Work on the underpass was started around the beginning of October and wrapped up by Halloween. "This is kind of like the second piece of phase one," said O'Connor. The underpass is located on both sides of County Road 1, measuring about 200 metres and extending to the existing culvert that passes under the road. The barrier consists of a pipe cut in half, creating a slippery slope the turtles can't climb up. "They are very stubborn," said Heather Deveaux, administrative assistant at HHLT. "Turtles will walk where they're walking ... this thing hopefully will redirect them." "The idea is to get them to refocus," said O'Connor. When contemplating potential sites, the ideal culvert weighed heavily on the decision on where to put a barrier.



A new type of tunnel, seen here, has been installed along County Road 1 in Gelert as part of a turtle project being spearheaded by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. The underpass includes fencing to help steer turtles away from the road and towards a culvert, allowing them to get to the other side in a safe manner. /Photo submitted

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This had to do with what attracts a turtle to a culvert in the first place, including size and light at the end of the tunnel.

"Turtles will only go through a culvert that's so big," said O'Connor. "And they've got to see light through it before they go through."

The Land Trust was aiming to install the underpass before the snow fell, which they were able to do, just barely, jokes O'Connor.

In determining sites, the HHLT was most concerned with protecting Blanding's turtles, as they are most at risk.

Sites were also selected based on where there was a high turtle population. They extend throughout the Haliburton Highlands.

It's too early to know if the project will be a success, said O'Connor.

"Next year we're going to monitor this site," he said. "If they happen to get up there, on the top of the road ... they can just topple over on the other shoulder. The idea is to try to reduce the road mortality."

One potential risk is that the barrier could push the problem to a different portion of the road.

According to the Land Trust there is still some clean-up work to be done, before the area is re-seeded.

Turtle monitors will be back at it in May and June of 2015, observing the site on County Road 1, as well as others.

The Land Trust will then use the data collected to determine if the turtles are responding to the fencing and using the underpass to get to the culvert.

Staff at the Land Trust commend all the citizen participation for helping with what they call a "ground-breaking" project.

The first round of the project included more than 130 volunteers, who completed a total of 2,800 hours of work.

The fencing phase of the project alone included close to 400 volunteer hours.

Volunteers have ranged from age eight to 86.

"At the end of the day we have a scientific project that works or doesn't work," said O'Connor. "It absolutely works when you consider the public awareness."

O'Connor says the organization still has a lot of volunteer work to do, including 1,300 hours of observation.

Glenside Ecological Services has also been working on the project, with biologist Paul Heaven working alongside the HHLT.

Interest in the turtle project has spanned across the country.

"As far as I know it's the only project of this magnitude in Ontario," said O'Connor.

The project is being covered by a Ministry of Natural Resources grant, which speaks to the integrity of the project.

"It also becomes something they can learn from," said O'Connor. "They've been very supportive."

Since the inception of the project, O'Connor has spoken on the project at conferences, highlighting the public involvement.

"There is so much public awareness now," said Deveaux. "There are people who email me saying they've never handled a turtle in their life and because of this project, [they say] I've picked up two of them."

Since moving to the area O'Connor has observed a deep love for turtles in the Haliburton Highlands.

"For years people have been calling up and reporting turtle sightings," said O'Connor.

"Everyone in Haliburton County has a turtle story. And the more we chat about it ... it really does make a difference ... we've saved more turtles here just by talking about it."



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MINDEN ONTARIO



Rebecca Kidd twirls to the music of *The Nutcracker* atop the Heritage Ballet float in the Santa Claus Parade. *The Nutcracker* will be performed in Haliburton during the first weekend of December.



Santa Claus came to town on Nov. 21 for the Haliburton Santa Claus parade on Highland Street. The man in red was waving to the crowds who lined main street for the annual parade organized by the Haliburton and District Lions Club.



Haliburton Business Improvement Area administrator Gail Stelter, left, hands out a free toy to four-year-old Cambell McCracken at the annual Winter Warm-up at the Haliburton Legion. The event followed the Santa Claus Parade and included a lasagna dinner, live music, crafts and free toys for children. More than 100 people attended this year's warm-up, organized by the BIA.



Haliburton gets festive

Local musician Gord Kidd serenaded the crowd to a Christmas sing-along prior to the start of the Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 21. The music was accompanied by the lighting of the town Christmas tree, in the Village square. Kidd sang classics such as *Silent Night* and *Jingle Bells*.

Photos by Angelica Blenich



The Kawartha Cavaliers was one of many marching bands to parade down Highland Street ahead of Santa Claus on Nov. 21.



There were plenty of toothy grins on the Patient News float during the Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 21. Organized by the Haliburton and District Lions Club, the parade featured many colourful and festive floats, from Crimestoppers, Community Living, Haliburton United Church, Haliburton County Historical Society and more. Hundreds came out to watch the parade along Highland Street.

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Junior Achievement returns to Haliburton

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

After a 40-year hiatus, Junior Achievement is bringing their program back to Haliburton this winter.

Focused on teaching young adults business, financial and entrepreneurship skills, Junior Achievement is running an 18-week program starting this December in Haliburton Village.

"Students in Haliburton get to experience how to be an entrepreneur without the risk," said Sara McGriskin, company program manager for Junior Achievement Peterborough Lakeland Muskoka. "Basically they learn how to make money the proper way, risk free."

In partnership with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the program will run from Dec. 8, 2014 to May 15, 2015 and is geared for youth age 14 to 19.

The program can accommodate up to 18 students, who will meet once a week at the chamber office in the Village Barn.

Together they will join forces to build a business, experiencing roles within management, human resources, finance, production, health and safety and more, said McGriskin.

"Basically they sell a product or a service to the public," she said.

Along the way the students will build their product, market it and sell it to the public. However before they even begin the teams have to sell shares to get their start-up costs.

"Once they are making a profit they can continue on making more [of their product]," she said. "After 18 weeks is done, if they do have a profit, they give back to the shareholders whatever their initial contribution was, as well as a percentage of their profit."

The remaining profits are split amongst the students in the business, who can choose to continue running it if they wish.

The weekly meetings will be two hours in length and will include instruction from mentors from the local business community.

"The students are there to build a business, the mentors

are there to direct them," she said.

McGriskin said it's been 40 years since Junior Achievement ran their program in Haliburton.

A not-for-profit organization, Junior Achievement has received financial support from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, the Haliburton Rotary Club and the Haliburton District Lions Club.

Some of that financial support is going towards helping students cover transportation costs to and from the program.

The program manager said it was important to ensure students could get to and from the meetings.

"We thought a \$20 gas card or taxi ride would help with transportation," said McGriskin. "We still need funds for the actual cost of the program, which is \$5,000."

The program manager believes those who complete the program will take away life-long skills and be better equipped for post-secondary school.

"It looks fantastic on a resumé," said McGriskin. "A lot of the students who participate in JA earn 50 per cent more, they carry less debt, they're better employees and actually become entrepreneurs."

Many of the skills imparted on the students are particularly beneficial to those living in a small, rural community such as Haliburton.

"Our hope is to bring some more business back to Haliburton," said McGriskin. "A lot of the students are leaving to find those other jobs, so if we can create those opportunities they're more likely to stay."

Upon completing the program students receive a certificate, as well as the opportunity to attend a leadership conference that attracts students from all over the world.

Next year the conference is taking place at Trent University.

Junior Achievement is free to those who participate.

Students interested in participating in the program can do so by registering online, either through email or Facebook.

For more information or to apply visit www.ja-plm.ca.

Those interested in financially contributing to the program can contact McGriskin at smcgriskin@ja-plm.ca.

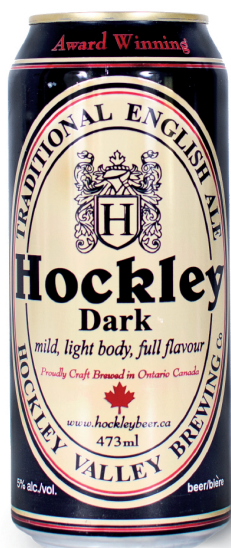


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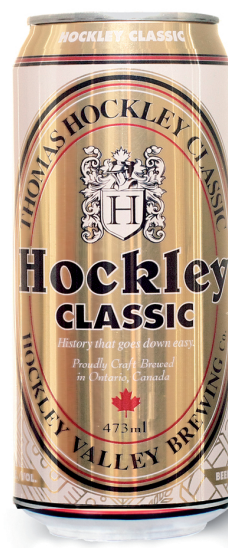
The Davis family – Steve and Marianne, kids Jacob and Moss – poses for a photo with Santa at the Rails End Gallery on Nov. 22 in Haliburton. Photos were taken by Luke Schell, presents were provided by the Lions Club and Walker's Home Hardware brought in the tree.

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Duchene takes homes quilt in auxiliary raffle

Jane Duchene, centre, was this year's winner of the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary quilt raffle and was presented with the grand prize on Nov. 22 at the auxiliary's gift shop within the Haliburton hospital. The queen size quilt was made by the Haliburton Highlands Quilters Guild, and more than \$4,000 worth of tickets were sold, with proceeds going towards purchasing hospital equipment. The auxiliary thanked the generous community for their support, including volunteers who sold tickets, Andy Glecoff at V & S and Steve Todd at Todd's Independent for providing space to sell tickets and Wayne Hussey of the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show for the superb location. From left, Sandra Anderson, auxiliary volunteer; Lorraine Semple, quilt raffle co-ordinator; Duchene; Keith Semple, quilt raffle co-ordinator and Judy Skinner, past-president of the auxiliary.

Angelica Blenich Staff

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Step 1: Call in advance to the Home Builders Office 457-6901

Step 2: Collect unwrapped toys or food items at your office or your Christmas Party.

Members of the Home Builders Association will pick up your gifts and deliver them to the workshops in Haliburton County. **Remember to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up BEFORE December 15th.** Early delivery to the workshops means the elves have enough time to prepare for Christmas.

This is the 19th anniversary of the Christmas Challenge. Whether this is the first year you have taken the challenge or the 19th year all gifts are needed. If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates. A value of \$15.00 each make is easy to top up gifts for families who have teenagers.

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- b) Build skills and confidence in growing, preserving and cooking food
- c) Provide opportunities to meet and connect with others in the community around a common topic

"While John was sick, there were times we wouldn't have eaten if it weren't for the SIRCH meals. We are so grateful!"



Community Kitchen

Twice a month volunteers gather to cook and freeze dozens of nutritious, tasty meals that are distributed through community agencies and SIRCH groups. Over 100 meals a month help individuals and families who are experiencing illness or hardship. Community Kitchen is a great place to be – cooking, talking, having fun and making a difference. Volunteers receive training from SIRCH prior to cooking in the Kitchen.



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- How to make home-made foods such as bread and yogurt

Pre-registration is encouraged as space may be limited.

"The reason I volunteer for the Community Kitchen is because I want to give back to the community as others have helped me when I was a participant in the CAPC/CPNP programs."
CK volunteer

Believe it or not, there are residents in Haliburton County who don't eat for sometimes days at a time! There are children who only get 1 or 2 meals a day. This year, we expect to give away 4,000 healthy meals FOR FREE. Because we know the depth of the need. Please help!

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Twenty-five years of SIRCH

Executive director talks about beginnings of Haliburton County's social services organization

Jenn Watt
Editor

SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson comes alive when she talks about the organization she's been leading for the last quarter century in Haliburton.

Sitting in her office watching a snowstorm swirl outside her window on an unseasonably wintry November day, Robertson seems almost gleeful recalling the growth, success – and even challenges – SIRCH has met over the last 25 years.

Thirty programs have been developed in that time, with more than 1,000 people receiving training, 100 staff members coming and going and \$15 million brought in to the county.

"For years we were known by the programs that we ran. When one was divested or morphs or closes, it makes it difficult [for the community] to know who you are. Now we are better known for the fact that we create programs and look for gaps and respond to community needs and that those programs change," Robertson says.

It all began in 1989, she says, when a group of people came together to form the Social Action Committee to find ways to fill needs in the community.

At that time, very few social services existed in Haliburton County.

They started with Parent Support Services, which was headed up by Robertson on a five-year contract.

Did she ever dream she would end up running the organization for 25 years?

"God no," Robertson laughs.

She never left because she was having too much fun,

she says.

SIRCH changes all the time, creating a stimulating environment for dreamers and those seeking to create a more supportive community.

In her speech to members at this year's annual general meeting, Robertson decided to create a top-10 list of lessons learned.

Among them: do what makes your heart sing; always look for the win-win; and positivity and passion can

change the world.

She also learned about failure – or rather that what feels like a failure never really is one.

"It was actually the closing of Women's Emergency House that changed that forever for me," she said in her speech.

In 1995, the community rallied to build a shelter for women fleeing abuse.

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SIRCH Community Services workers gather around for a break together on Nov. 20 in their Haliburton office. The organization celebrated 25 years this year. From left, Diane Johnson, John Quinlan, Donna Gagnon, Lesley Trotter, Wendy Iles and Gena Robertson.

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Social enterprise offers new avenue

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They received grant money to put up the structure, but were unable to find ongoing operational funds.

"At the time, I really felt that it was a bit of a failure on our part and on my part," Robertson says. "But hindsight being a little clearer, what we were able to do was pro-



One of the things I think has been impressive to me over the years is the calibre and passion of staff that we've had here and certainly the calibre and passion of volunteers. It's pretty amazing, frankly.

— Gena Robertson

vide emergency housing for three years, 24-7 with volunteers, which is pretty amazing."

The shelter got people talking about violence against women and a couple of years after the shelter closed, the YWCA opened another one.

"It was a really difficult decision," Robertson recalls, but the costs of running the shelter were beyond what the board would agree to.

Since that time, SIRCH has continued filling the gaps, creating programs and sometimes divesting them to run on their own.

Most recently, hospice services were taken up by Haliburton Highlands Health Services, which has united the program with its own palliative care suite.

Today, SIRCH employs 12 people full-time and is hiring two more.

It runs programs for women and children, Community Kitchen, School's Cool, a bereavement group, Garden Buddies, Dig In workshops, and Need A Hand for people needing some help around the house, among others.

What excites Robertson most now is the concept of social enterprise.

"Social enterprise is generating revenue through a service or business that has a charitable purpose," she says. Need A Hand and most recently Thrift Warehouse in Haliburton's Industrial Park are two examples.

"Thrift Warehouse provides lots of services: keeps stuff out of the landfill, it provides low-cost items, it provides employment ... whatever is left over provides [financial] support to other programs," she says.

SIRCH intends to expand the program to Bancroft and Minden.

Throughout the last 25 years, what has been most striking to Robertson is the people.

"One of the things I think has been impressive to me over the years is the calibre and passion of staff that we've had here and certainly the calibre and passion of volunteers. It's pretty amazing, frankly."

What will the next 25 years bring?

Robertson says she can't begin to fathom. What she hopes is SIRCH continues to respond to the needs of the community, remaining nimble, creative and innovative.

Each year, SIRCH needs to bring in about \$50,000 from donations to continue to provide its services to those in need. The Gifts from the Heart campaign is the single biggest fundraiser for the organization.



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SIRCH Community Kitchen volunteer Sandre Daoust chops squash for a steaming turkey stew in this file photo at the Haliburton United Church.

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There are significant benefits to having Need a Hand in our community:

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- Workers are covered by WSIB and SIRCH's own insurance
- Workers are overseen by our Coordinators.

For Haliburton County:

- Need a Hand creates many jobs and income opportunities
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- SIRCH invests its portion of profits into other programs and services that are needed.

Where do proceeds from Need a Hand go? Proceeds from Need a Hand will help SIRCH Community Services provide subsidies so that residents who cannot afford the services, but need the help, can get the individualized assistance they need.



Many residents in the Highlands don't have friends or family close by. Many are elderly and living alone, often with an illness or reduced mobility. SIRCH provides subsidies to help with repairs, safety concerns, maintenance and more. Please help residents to feel safe and connected.

I don't know who I would have called if not Need a Hand. Thanks for all you do."

"The Need a Hand program from SIRCH Community Services has been doing all the maintenance and incidental repairs for the properties of Community Living Haliburton County and it has been a huge success. Communication is smooth, our needs are met promptly by qualified and courteous people and the work done is of very high quality. Before this arrangement we had difficulty finding the right company or trade for every job. Frank and his team have a wealth of skill and knowledge and can quickly remedy our ongoing repairs and renovations. It has proven to be a great support to our agency and our community." ~ Teresa Jordan, Executive Director, Community Living Haliburton County



Bereavement Journey Through Grief

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In the words of Helen Keller, "We the bereaved are not alone. We belong to the largest company in the world --the company of those who have known suffering."

Grief affects nearly all of us. Most have lost a friend, many a spouse, child, parent or sibling. We all grieve differently and we all need support. SIRCH Community Services, offers a support system, including Level 1 and 2 Grief Recovery groups and public lunch-an-learn sessions.

The goal of the program is to help people who are grieving process some of the difficult emotions they are encountering and help to discover new ways to move forward in their lives.

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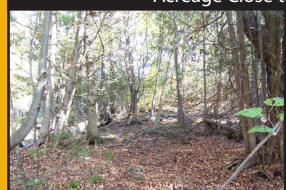
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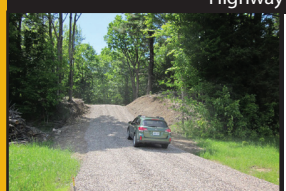
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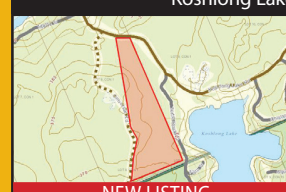
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Right, Red Hawks defenceman Sydney Cameron pulls the puck back in order to settle it while on a breakaway that eventually leads to the insurance marker in the 5-1 win over the visiting Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons last Thursday at the A.J. LaRue Community Centre arena in Haliburton.

Far right, Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons defender Ally Given tries to keep Red Hawks varsity forward Sydney Feir, who scored the game's first goal and finished with two points (one goal and one assist), to the outside in the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School team's home opener.

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Lady Hawks start last season off with a bang

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

By the end there wasn't much doubt about who was the superior team.

The Red Hawks girls' hockey team kick-started the double-header Haliburton high school hockey home opener last Thursday against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons with a convincing 5-1 win.

However the final score belies how tightly contested it was through two thirds of the game when the Falcons only trailed the Hawks by one goal.

Hawks coach Dan Marsden said nerves were a factor in the slow start that saw only three total goals through two periods.

He told his team the importance of puck possession and making good passes for better scoring chances. As the game wore on, his team got better and better at executing his game plan and were successful winning the puck battles more often than not. It was coming together nearing the second period.

Falcons goalie Laura O'Neill was a difference maker in the early going and also contributed to the slow start, Marsden adds.

"Their goalie played wicked. She was a difference," he said.

He remembered her from last year and told his team to shoot a lot.

Hawks forward Sydney Feir, who made it a point to buzz around the Falcons net for most of the game, slid home the first goal 1-0 when she threw it at the net with a low shot close to midway through the first period.

Falcons forward Sara Armstrong quickly responded when she struck for an equalizer 1-1 with her solo effort on a partial breakaway, using her speed a little more than a minute later.

Close to a minute left in the first, Hawks forward Kenndal Marsden answered and let go a wrist-shot from the faceoff circle that handcuffed O'Neill for the go-ahead and eventual game winner. Kenndal Marsden's skating and stickhandling put the Falcons defence on their heels through much of the game.

Despite the Hawks lead, the game's outcome didn't look certain even though the home team dominated puck possession and were easily the superior team in every facet of the game.

Just when the Hawks needed an insurance goal Hawks forward Sydney Cameron, an AA midget defenceman with the Peterborough Ice Kats, came through with a breakaway goal for 3-1 lead early in the third period.

Cameron started off a slew of scoring that was followed by forward Erin Little, who was an offensive threat for the entire game and finished with four points (one goal and three assists), and then by Alicia McLean.

Marsden loved how his team performed and said this win is important in what is conceivably the last season for the girls' team.

"Making playoffs will be great. It's our last year this year. Anything less than that will be somewhat disappointing," he said, referring to himself and the players.

He expects this to be the last season for the Hawks girls' team because goalie Connor Marsden and half the team will be graduating.

Marsden said the team has "a strong nucleus of girls. It's a team right from the goalie, defence to forwards. [There's] a team focus and as I say we're just trying to work on getting them to improve from controlling the puck, to making the good reads, to making the good passes and trying to finish off the plays as best as possible by putting it in the net.

Marsden wants to be one of four teams to advance from the seven league teams to the playoffs in the 12 game season.

"A lot depends on who shows up that night to play," he said, referring to what contributes to wins as he has learned coaching the Storm and Hawks teams.

With the quality of teams in the league, he said, the margin between winning and losing is small. Focus and execution of the game plan is key to success, he adds.

The team is assisted by Vince Duchene and managed by Chris Duchene. Hawks players Feir, McLean and Marsden all finished with two points (one goal and one assist) while Kelsey Maracle added one assist in the win. The team's next home game is today at 2 p.m. against the St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School Saints.

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Red Hawks win opener

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

It was buy-in day at the A.J. LaRue Community Centre arena in Haliburton last Thursday for the Red Hawks boys' hockey game against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons.

The stands were nearly full with people, who were also standing by the glass around the ice pad for the home and season opener. It was the second game of a Haliburton hockey double-header started by the Lady Hawks one hour before.

Hawks coach Ron Yake (assisted by Bruce Griffith) was impressed by his team's effort, which was important since his team is still looking to come together as a cohesive unit.

"We've got a long way to go to get things together, but the effort level was very good and that's all you can expect at this point in the season because there's not a lot of chemistry with those guys because they haven't played together before. That'll come. That'll come," he said.

Yake thought his team had a great first period despite only being up by a goal 1-0 scored by Hawks player Joel Fedeski while short-handed. The goal was a gift, as a Falcons player deep in his own end coughed up the loose puck to an awaiting Noah Dollo, who slid a perfect pass to an open Fedeski for the goal.

Although the Falcons netminder came up with some solid saves in the first, the Hawks could not capitalize on a few scoring chances, which could have changed the complexion of the game.

"There were definitely some chances that we could have scored one or two more and that would have definitely changed the game," he said.

Special teams were important, he said, for both teams, as two of the five goals scored in the game were attributed to one short-hander and one powerplay.

He said the shorthanded goal was a catalyst. "It got us going. It got us excited," he said.



Darren Lum Staff

Red Hawks players Max MacNaull, left, and Paydon Miscio congratulate Chris Hall on his go-ahead goal, which turned out to be the 3-2 game-winner, during the Hawks home opener against the FFSS Falcons this Thursday afternoon.

Hawks player Noah Dollo scored the team's second marker to tie the game 2-2 just minutes after the Falcons jumped ahead with a 2-1 lead.

It almost seemed the hockey gods were watching, as the Hawks were rewarded in the third period for all their great effort in the early going with a goal that the Falcons minder will not soon forget (helped in part by the repeated chants of "gooalie" from the partisan Hawks crowd).

Despite a Hawks powerplay late in the second, the home team couldn't come up with much of any solid scoring chances, outside of a few shots taken on the perimeter.

The home team though managed to pull it out in the end with a little more than six minutes left in the third when defenceman Chris Hall stepped into a game-winner taken from just inside the blueline that seemed to surprise the Falcons goalie, who was handcuffed by the shot.

The goal loomed large as neither team could find its rhythm late in the game.

Curtis Ballantyne, a Hawks forward, who was a stalwart on special teams for the team last year and the school's male athlete of the year, was out of the lineup with a back injury suffered in a Storm game when he was hit into the boards.

Yake is looking forward to having Ballantyne back for more than just his hockey skills.

"He loves the game of hockey. He loves to smile when he plays. It's fun to have him play. The guys will be happy to get him back playing and he'll be happy. So will the coaches," he said.

Yake said the special teams would undoubtedly improve when Ballantyne returns. However in time the entire team

in general should improve, as it will get a chance to gel as a unit.

Ballantyne is expected to return to the lineup later this week.

He calls first year players, who are mainly in Grade 10 with one Grade 9 player, "good athletes." The six junior aged players are more than he's had in the past.

Since they have a strong grasp of the game, the key will be coming together as a team.

This bodes well for this year and the future, he adds.

Although the Hawks goalie Jordan Hamilton let in a shot he'd like back after missing a snapshot taken close to the faceoff dot, he settled down as the game went on. Yake was never worried and has confidence in his keeper.

"He'll be our ace in the hole as we go forward. He's got some good experience," he said.

Sharing the duties in net with Hamilton is Grade 12 Logan Churko.

Yake said with solid defence and this quality tandem, the team will be competitive in every game.

Coming in to the game, Yake told his team that if the game were closely contested it would result in a win.

"I told them last week: 'We're young together here and it's going to be hard to click and click and score four or five or six goals. I'm going to guess we're going to score three or four goals and keep the other team down.' They worked hard to do that," he said.

Hawks players Max MacNaull, Mac Rider and Connor Dollo each had helpers in the winning cause.

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Kellet one step closer to Indy dream

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

When your family is deeply rooted to the Haliburton Highlands, character, humility, hard work and determination are more than just words, they are the backbone of who you are.

Dalton Kellett, 21, grandson to the late-Glenn Kellett of Minden and an Eagle Lake cottager, has recently signed with racing team Andretti Autosport for the upcoming 2015 Mazda Pro Championship racing season and has been added to the Mazda Road to Indy roster. He will be racing in his sophomore season in the Mazda Pro, an open wheel racing series, which is two steps below the Indy Racing League – the pinnacle of open-wheeled racing in North America.

"It's an amazing opportunity to be able to join Andretti Autosport for the 2015 Pro Mazda season," Kellett said in a press release. "I anticipate that we will have a successful year, and I am looking forward to the start of the race season! I was able to get to know the Andretti crew at a post-season test where I immediately felt like we were a good fit. They are a very professional team and I feel like we work well together."

Last year Kellett finished 10th in Mazda Pro with one podium, two top-five and nine top-10 finishes. Former Indy racecar driver Michael Andretti, son to racing legend Mario Andretti, started Andretti Autosport.

During Kellett's steady ascent in the racing ranks, he has never forgotten who or where he has come from as being the fifth generation in a line of Kelletts, including the late-Glenn Kellett, who had a cottage/home on Mountain Lake. His grandfather Glenn started the 400 employee strong company K-Line Group with one truck.

This connection to rural Ontario keeps Dalton connected to his history.

"It has reminded me not to forget my roots and always give credit to those who helped me get to where I am," he wrote during an interview through Twitter.

For Kellett, the Highlands is a favourite place of his in the summer and the winter.

"It's a very special place for my family and I, given our history there. When I am not racing, it is my favourite place to be," he wrote.

When his grandfather died Dalton's family moved to Eagle Lake where they had a home built and continue to spend weekends and extended periods.

The fourth year Queen's University engineering physics student (also a Formula SAE Design and RaceTeam member) might have grown up in Stouffville, but he lived his life in the Highlands. He will finish his studies while racing.

According to his mother, Cinde, Kellett spent every summer here, staying at the "Kellett compound" on Mountain Lake up until he was seven. From five until he was 13, he was enrolled in a class at the Haliburton School of the Arts. A few years ago he was even an instructor at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike area, which resulted in his first-ever paycheque.

Cinde and his father Mark are obviously proud of their son for his achievements, particularly this recent signing. She describes her son as determined and humble formed from the combination of many influences from his family, school to his sport.

This ascent is no surprise to Dalton's mother, who remembers at a little over a year old he was talking. After enrolling in the Toronto French School, Dalton was speaking French by Christmas in his kindergarten year.

The hard work character trait runs in the family and was evident by Glenn's example, she said.

"He started that company with one truck. The determination that it took to do that at that time (my father-in-law) ... to build it into the success it is today," she said.

She cannot recall ever having any disciplinary issues with Dalton, who always did what he was asked and had an unequalled focus.

Racing demands mental and physical fitness so for Dalton to do well had to have high standards, whether it was



21-year-old Dalton Kellett, who has family roots to the Highlands, has recently signed with Andretti Autosport, as seen in his new racecar following testing at Putnam Park Race Course in Indiana. Kellett will race the Pro Mazda Championship racing series for Andretti Autosport this season, his second. Andretti Autosport is led by former racecar driver Michael Andretti, son of racing legend Mario Andretti. Photo submitted

training or ensuring a good diet. Everything required discipline and focus.

"His sport dictated who he became at a young age," she said.

As far as academics go, Cinde couldn't stress the Toronto French School enough for the foundation of his success.

His academics matched with his personality, she said, and is what really makes him stand out.

"The more you threw at him the more he would succeed," she said.

Unlike other athletes at the school, who left to pursue their sport, Dalton concurrently attended school and raced go-karts, she said. As far as she knows her son is the only university student enrolled in engineering while racing at his level.

"We always said to him school has to come first," she said. "Your sport comes second."

This is what distinguishes Dalton from the field, she adds.

A stay-at-home mom, Cinde usually attends every race, practice and test that her son goes to while father Mark does his best to be at as many as possible. This family affair is nearly a year-round dedication Cinde points out. It's like any child at a high level in sport, likening it to hockey parents.

Contrary to public perception that racecar drivers she says are daredevils, Dalton is far from that, she says.

"In fact, he is the exact opposite. He's very determined and methodical. He's very precise," she said.

With Dalton's personality and approach to racing being scientific, it has made it easier for Cinde watch her son in the sport of racing.

In the beginning, go-karting, she said, was far more stressful because there is more contact between cars. Sometimes things are out of the driver's control.

This past season in Milwaukee at an oval racetrack Dalton had a car part break, sending him into the wall at more than 200 kilometres per hour. He was fine, but it was his worse crash and a reminder of how some things can't be

controlled.

She said you have got to let it go and calls it "life" and said these things happen in racing, whether it's high level skiing or race car driving.

Dalton wanted to start go-kart racing at eight. The relatively late start with go-karts at 14 was a conscious decision by Cinde and Mark, who wanted him to have other interests, saying his single-mindedness would consume him and could lead to burnout.

Unlike other children his age, she still remembers when he was two-years-old and how he could drive the "little snowmobile" in a straight line. It was like "he was a natural."

Kellett has never forgot how he has achieved what he has from the most important people in his life that have always been there for him.

"My parents have supported [me] throughout my racing career, they have played a major part in my success on and off the track," he said. "Otherwise, I have worked with some great engineers and driver coaches over the years, they have taught me very much."

Kellett is looking forward to tackling the Toronto street course this year where he'll have hometown fans cheering him.

There isn't a particular secret to his success. Kellett likens his racing success with his same approach to academics.

"It's just like school for me: hardwork, practice, and surrounding myself with the right people (racing is a team sport after all)," he wrote.

Winning the legendary Indianapolis 500 will mark success for Kellett.

"My greatest goal is winning the Indy 500. That's the one race that everyone strives for!" he wrote.

His advice to other aspiring young men and women to dreams is to not be afraid.

"Don't let others stop you from pursuing you goals. And don't be afraid of something because it looks challenging!" he said.



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Darren Lum Staff

The Red Hawks senior boys' basketball team works through a drill to breakdown zone coverage (top left and right) during pre-season practice last week at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. The team will host its first game against Brock on Monday, Dec. 1. Tipoff is at 3 p.m.

It all starts with defence for senior basketball team

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Now that November has hit the Highlands, the Red Hawks senior boys' basketball team is looking to a solid season built upon defence, said Hawks head coach Dave Waito.

The coach isn't dreaming of dominaing the league so much as a respectable record.

"We have set a goal to go .500 in league play, be a strong defensive team, and to really limit turnovers this year to fewer than 10 per game," he said. "In terms of the post-season, we are entering uncharted territory this year, with our declining school enrollment dropping us from 'AA' to 'A' status. We hope this will bring some good competition in the playoffs," he said.

Waito and the coaching staff are not sure what offensive style will be best for the team to run until they play their first game of the season, which is Wednesday, Nov. 26 at Lindsay against the Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans. However supporters can expect a focus on defence and a strong work ethic, he adds.

"My expectations are that we will be a tough-nosed and hard-working defensive team first and foremost, led by defensive specialist Angus Sullivan," he said. The team will "establish a strong inside presence. Nick Thompson has shown a lot of promise in the first few weeks of practice. Our strongest scoring position is on the wing, and we will be looking to last year's leading scorer, Hunter Smith, to put a lot of points on the board for us this year. I am excited to see which of our guards rise to the challenge of next week's game," he said, referring to the Spartans' game. With 15 players in the lineup, including one walk-on player,

the team is boasting a veteran squad and has the addition of solid youngsters with five moving up from the junior team.

"We will definitely be drawing on the veteran experience of some of the fourth-year players including Smith, Angus Sullivan, Matt O'Reilly, Thompson, Ben Davis, and Hunter Bishop. But we are also excited to have some core players coming up from last year's junior squad," he said. The coach is excited to have assistant coaches Gord Cochrane and Mike Rieger this year. "They bring a high level of experience and expertise to the team, and the boys respond very positively to them," he said. Cochrane, who played basketball in the U.S. at college, has volunteered for Waito with the Steve Nash Youth Basketball program.

The team will host its home opener on Monday, Dec. 1 against Brock. Tipoff is at 3 p.m.

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highland storm hockey

Girls win close one against Comets

The Minden Car Quest Auto midget B girls hosted the Cold Creek Comets on Sunday, Nov. 23 in Minden trying to build on their season's efforts to date and keep their undefeated at home streak alive. The girls started the game a little sluggish, and the Comets challenged the Storm girls with an aggressive attack from the opening face-off. After a scoreless first period period, Erin Little finished off a passing play from Sydney Feir to open the scoring early in the second period. Cold Creek never gave up and tied the game on a goal mouth scramble midway through the second period. Continued pressure by the Comets put them ahead 2-1 late in the second period off a face off attack. The Storm girls rallied in the third period with Kennal Marsden slipping a snap shot past the Comet tender early in the third to tie the game up at 2-2. Digging in with a gutsy third period push, Erin Little scored (the eventual game winner) midway through the third period finishing off a nice rush with a deke to put the Storm up 3-2. Great come from behind win girls! But get ready girls for a huge weekend challenge for first place as we travel to Keene and Cold Creek for a double-centre two-game road trip this Saturday, Nov. 29 and then host the first place Peterborough Ice Kats in Haliburton on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Novices host home tournament

The Canadian Tire Novices hosted their home tournament this weekend with eight teams entered. It was a great weekend for the Novices and was packed with excitement. They started off the day with an 8 a.m. game where they battled hard but ended up with a 4-0 lose to the Centre Hasting Grizzlies. There second game of the day had them facing Centre Wellington, Storm came out strong and walked a way with an 7-0 win putting them back into the running for the finals on Sunday. The third game of the day was against Georgina Blaze. It was a battle and both teams were determined that they were going to win, but Storm came out on top with a 4-2 win.

With the first day of games out of the way the Canadian Tire Novices had to wait to see where they placed overall and who they would be playing in the finals on Sunday. As the games for Saturday all finished Storm was able to see that they would be playing for the B Finals on Sunday against Sturgeon Lake. Storm came out on fire scoring two quick goals to put them in the lead. But Sturgeon wasn't giving up they battled hard back and ended up getting two goals as well to tie the game up. With the score tied at two a piece each team knew that they had to get another one. Sturgeon outsmarted the Storm and managed to squeak another one past our goalie. Down by one goal with only a few minutes left had Storm looking for a chance to put the puck in the net to keep

them in the game. Sure enough we did it and with barely any time to spare. With a split score of three a piece they ended the third period and sent themselves into overtime. It was going to take some pretty quick thinking to make sure that the Storm finished the game off as quickly as possible. The over time period started with just three-on-three and Storm had the first shot on goal that was stopped by the goalie and turned the play back towards Storms end. The kids battled hard and after a few quick changes to give the kids some fresh legs and a bit of a drink of water Storm grabbed the puck in the open center zone skated down the ice and finished the game off with a shot to the top corner.

Congratulations to all of the Canadian Tire Highland Storm Novices for their hard work this weekend and coming out the B Champs.

The Canadian Tire Novices next home game is on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 11 a.m. against the Huntsville Otters in Haliburton. Then Travel to Parry Sound to play a double header.

Submitted by Tracey Gilbert

Atom A team takes on Otters

The story this weekend was the RM Carpentry Atom A Highland Storm roster. A double header weekend with a game Saturday in Minden and Sunday in Huntsville, both games vs the Huntsville Otters. We started the home game with nine players versus their three-line rotation. Upton was out with the flu, we went into this one with only three defencemen. The Storm killed off a two man disadvantage early but Huntsville jumped out to a 2-0 lead. In the second, Phippen went into the boards hard and hit his head. After getting up slowly, the coaches decided it best if he sit for the remainder of the game, and we were down to eight. In the third, Glecoff carried it the length of the ice, and lost the puck at the hash marks. Robinson picked it up for a shot that went in off Glecoff for the goal and broke the Otters shut out. Storm 1, Otters 2.

When we got to Huntsville Sunday, we were down two defencemen. Upton and Smith, both out with ailments, but Phippen was cleared by doctors to play. Hutchingson dropped back to defence and with his big shot from the point, took the Storm to an early 1-0 lead. Huntsville scored, and a great second effort by Phippen to jump on a loose puck in front of the net, regained the lead 2-1. Another big shot point from Hutchingson made it 3-1. But the three full lines of Huntsville wore down the eight-man Storm. With only three reserves on the Storm bench, we were overwhelmed, and eventually fell 8-3.

Submitted by Jason Glecoff

Disappointment for the Highland Storm Bantam A

The Storm attended the Tim Greavette Memorial tournament in Bracebridge this past weekend and ended third in their division. Although the Storm lost their first game 4-3 in overtime, they won the next 2 games, 4-2 and 2-1, but it was not enough to make it to the finals. It began on Friday against the Calendonia Thunder. The Storm took a 2-0 lead in the game with goals by Devyn Prentice and Ben Schmidt but the Thunder quickly tied it up. Late in the third period, the Storm got the go-ahead goal by Lucas Haedicke, but yet again, they tied it. It was an unlucky 4-3 loss for the storm when the Thunder scored in OT.

Next day, the Storm met with the Shallow Lake Lakers. It began with a goal by Cooper, seconds later, they tied it up. Late in the first period, on a power play, Cooper deflected a shot from Garbutt, making it 2-1. It became a tied game once more while the Storm was killing off a penalty. Patterson-Smith started the rush, made the shot, Manning was there for the rebound goal, making it 3-2. Next was some action around the net, the puck found Flood's stick for the last goal. Storm held the Lakers back and killed off penalties the rest of the game.

The Storm won the next game 2-1 against the Lincoln Blades. It was a game full of penalties and power plays. First goal came late in the second by Flood. With minutes left in the third, short-handed, Cooper intercepted a pass, shot from behind the net, it deflected in for a goal, making it 2-1, and that's where it all ended.

Come out and cheer on the Highland Storm Bantam A team this Friday at 7 p.m. in Haliburton when they take on the Oro Thunder.

The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

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Storm battles Bears, Otters

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On Saturday, Nov. 15 the JoAnne Sharpley's Highland Storm Atom AE played the Huntsville Otters.

There was a lot of battling in the first period both goalies playing hard with the period ending 0-0. Huntsville scored first in the second but the Storm came back scoring eight seconds later to tie the game.

Goal scored by Kaine Brannigan assisted by Curtis Mulock. Going into the third the game was tied at one.

The Storm came out flying and kept rushing the net. The Storm scored again with a goal by Dylan Keefer assisted by Brannigan. The otters came back scoring another of their own 45 seconds later.

Both teams battled back and forth with Huntsville putting on the pressure they scored with 25 seconds left to make the final 3-2. Great goaltending by Damon Harriss.

On Sunday, Nov. 16 the JoAnne Sharpley's Atom AE team headed to Gravenhurst to play the south Muskoka Bears. Playing one of their best games not letting the Bears ahead at all.

The score was 0-0 through one and a half periods. With the puck fully covered the Bears jabbed at it before the whistle and managed to get the puck in.

The Highland Storm determined to score battled hard the remainder of the game but unfortunately ran out of time with the final score being 1-0.

On Saturday, Nov. 22 the Otters came in Minden to play the Atom AEs. Huntsville opened up the scoring with two goals in the first period.

The Storm on a rush from Kyan Hall to Brannigan to Evan Armstrong putting it in the net.

The score was 2-1 going into the third. The Otters managed to get two more in

the third putting the final score at 4-1. On Sunday, Nov. 23 the atom AE team headed to Gravenhurst to play the Bears again.

The Bears opened the scoring up in the second on a deflection. The Bears scored another making it 2-0 but the storm dug in their heels and came back flying.

With great forechecking Jamie Crowe shooting it towards the net and Hall managed to put in the rebound. Regrouping going into the third with both teams determined to win.

On a rush by Keefer with a pass to Armstrong and then a pass to Hall who buried it in the net.

With time ticking down both teams left it all on the ice with the final score ending in a 2-2 tie. Great work by all the players! Next game is Saturday, Nov. 29 at 12:30 p.m. vs. South Muskoka in Haliburton.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Tykes travel to Sunderland

The Tom Prentice and Sons Tyke team travelled to Sunderland to face off against the Brock Wild Tyke on Sunday, Nov. 23. Once again, Brock put our team to the test with a hard fought battle. Highland Storm came out on top with a win of 8-7!

Hard work, great passes, breakaways, assists, defence and awesome goal tending kept this Storm team on their winning streak. Game goals go to Kadin Card, Josh Scheffee, Cheyenne Degeer x 2, and Ty Rupnow with a hat trick. Great job team! Keep up the good work! Next face off is in Apsley on Nov. 29 at 10 a.m. and in Minden at 3 p.m.

Submitted by Andrea Prentice

Notice



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FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 25th day of November, 2014.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
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Special Stoughton anniversary

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Family and friends of Sally and Gary Stoughton gathered with them on Saturday, Nov. 22 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their wedding. Gary and Sally are lifetime residents of this area, Gary the son of the late Stan and Marg Stoughton of Harcourt and Sally the daughter of the late Keith and Sylvia Cameron of Wilberforce. They have lived and worked here, raising their family and serving their community well.

After earlier renewing their marriage vows the celebrating couple were joined for dinner by family and friends at the Wilberforce Royal Canadian Legion. Among those present were their son Steve and daughter Charlene Johnston and her son Blake and daughter Brenna, Sally's sisters Jill (Gary) Lee and Susan Bain. Roberta Walsh, a lifetime friend who was a bridesmaid at the wedding 50 years ago was delighted to be at the party.

Later, after a time for formal photographs and the cutting of the anniversary cake by the happy couple, Sally, Gary and family were joined by more friends for a friendly evening of music, dancing and visiting.

Best wishes, Gary and Sally for many more happy years together.

To help your planning as we head into the busy pre-Christmas season here are some upcoming events we are aware of:

On the Sunday before Christmas, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. the annual Christmas carol ser-

vice takes place at the historic Essonville Church. Thanks to Sherilyn McCrae for the welcome reminder.

Get your entry ready for the Wilberforce Santa Claus parade on Sunday, Dec. 14. Assemble at noon on School Road. No entry? Plan to come out and cheer.

Santa's Workshop Craft Sale presented by the W.H. Guild is on at the LWMC on Saturday, Dec. 6. Always some interesting gifts there along with baking, and decorating and gift ideas.

The Victorian Tea at the Harcourt Chapel is on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. Bring a gift of \$10 value and receive a gift. Enjoy tea and treats.

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The Christmas Open House at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House is on Thursday, Dec. 11 in afternoon from 1:30 to 4 p.m. and at night from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy lunch with friends on Dec. 6 while at the craft sale at the LWMC. St. Margaret's people will be on kitchen duty.

We are sorry to hear of the death of former resident Robert Paston who died in hospital on Nov. 22.

Many knew him as "Uncle Bob" as the sign by Park Cottages read for many years. He was 88 years of age. Sympathy is extended to his wife Blanche (Walsh) and all of his family and friends.

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School buses were cancelled during the day and euchre was cancelled in the even-

ing of Nov. 18 due to blizzard weather.

George and Shireen Cooper visited us on Wednesday evening, George accompanying Earl to Masonic Lodge before he and Shireen joined us for a slice or two of Christmas cake before travelling on to see Shireen's mother in Markham.

Both John on violin and Margaret Milne on viola were two of the musicians in the Highlands Chamber Orchestra which performed so well on Saturday night at the Theatre. Andrew Milne from Ottawa came to hear this, the third concert for the relatively new orchestra.



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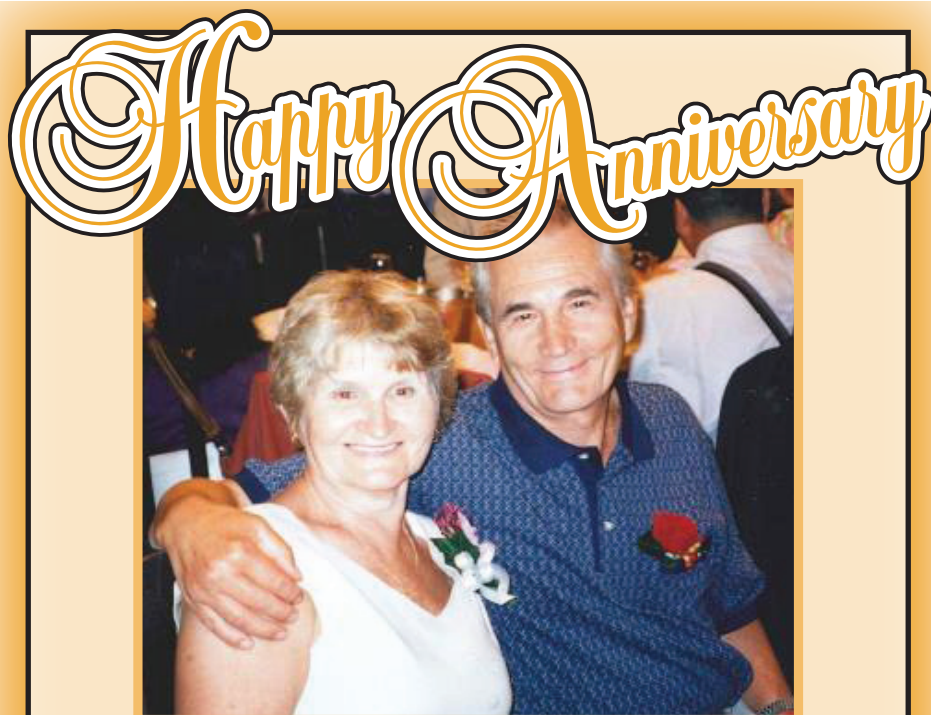
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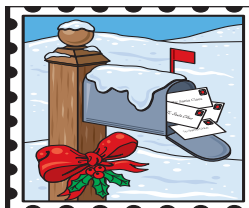
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In Loving Memory of

Francis (Frank) Wayne Chambers

February 22, 1919 – November 21, 2014

Francis (Frank) Wayne Chambers passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age of 95 on November 21, 2014 at Extendicare in Haliburton Village. Dear father to Bob (Heather), Marie (Chris) and David (Ruth-Anne). Loving grandpa to Sean, Meghan (Paul), Laura, Clayton, Cody, Charlotte, Caroline and Daniel and delighted great-grandpa to little Evelyn.

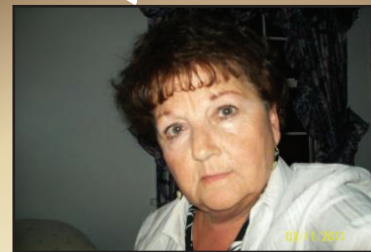
Frank was born on the family farm south of Carnarvon to James and Sylvia (nee Sisson) Chambers and was dear brother to Lyla, Jean, Murray, Bill, Jamie and Margaret. He married Audrey Irvine and they raised Bob, Marie and David in their home on Twelve Mile Lake. Frank was a member of Zion United Church in Carnarvon and the Arcadia Masonic Lodge in Minden and was well respected by all who knew him. He will be missed and fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews and friends.

Although he worked at Motorola in Toronto for many years, and in his retirement enjoyed travelling, Frank treasured living in the Haliburton Highlands and the beauty and peace he experienced here, especially at his home on Chambers Road and his hunting camp on Clear Lake. His family is grateful for the wonderfully long, full life Frank enjoyed and the steadfast presence he was in their lives – never missing a family gathering, always eager to tackle a new project or adventure and inspiring us with his sharp mind, tenacity and fierce independence. Frank's family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Bottum, the staff of William Place Retirement Home in Lindsay and the staff of Extendicare in Haliburton for their kindness and compassion in caring for Frank these past months and for their support throughout this time.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Thursday, November 27, 2014 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Frank's life in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery. Frank's family will hold a celebration of his life early next summer at Twelve Mile Lake Historical Church. In lieu of flowers Frank may kindly be remembered through a donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or Twelve Mile Lake Historical Church.



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Marjorie Elizabeth May Brumwell (nee Boyce)

*of West Guilford for past 5 years Formerly of Newmarket and Keswick
Passed on Nov 12 2014 after complications from surgery
at Toronto East General Hospital*

Deeply missed by children Laura (Andrew Gardler) and Chad (Stephanie) and grand children Alex, Victoria and Kelcey and Sisters and brothers Elaine (George Schmid) Barb (Kurt Friebourghaus) Ron Boyce(Bonnie) Shirley Leeson, Predeceased by brother Wayne Boyce (Nancy)and Thelma Boyce. Memorial Service will be held Dec 6 at 2:30 PM at the Burton St Church in Barrie. She is always in our hearts and minds and missed terribly.

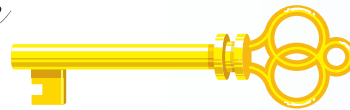


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